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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application:

Brunner, et al.

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 6, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3-4, 16-22, and 24-27.

Please amend claims 1, 5-6, 8, 12-13, 23, and 31-32 to read as follows (See also

Appendix A)

Li + P211 1. (Amended) A multi-component liquid filter, comprising:

A' a first filter element defining a surface having a finite surface contact area, said first filter element being configured to selectively remove a first contaminant from a liquid when contacted therewith; and

a second filter element disposed in fluid communication with said first filter element, said second filter element having a pleated surface, said pleated surface having a surface contact area greater than said surface contact area of said first filter

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1, 2, & 11 on Proulx 759.